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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## (UNLIMITED JURISDICTION)

COORDINATION PROCEEDING
SPECIAL TITLE (Rule 1550(b))

NATURAL GAS ANTI-TRUST CASES

Judicial Council Coordinating Proceeding
Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 & 4228

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STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER RE BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON MOTIONS TO QUASH AND AFFILIATE DEMURRERS

STIPULATION AND ORDER RE BRIEFING SCHEDULE

"Motions to Quash");

WHEREAS, Defendants' demurrers and motion to strike on federal preemption grounds are fully briefed, and scheduled to be heard on June 21, 2005; and WHEREAS, Defendants' demurrer to and alternative motion to strike claims for unfair competition and unjust enrichment is scheduled to be heard on July 12, 2005; and WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, Defendants Aquila, Inc.; CenterPoint Energy, Inc.; Reliant Energy, Inc.; CMS Energy Corp.; CMS Energy Resources Management Co.; CMS Marketing Services and Trading Co.; Cantera Natural Gas, LLC; Cantera Gas Co.; Duke Energy Corp.; Duke Energy North America; Duke Energy Field Services, LP; Encana Corporation; Reliant Energy Services Inc.; and Reliant Energy, Inc. have filed motions to quash for lack of personal jurisdiction, also noticed for hearing on July 12, 2005 (the

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2005 and June 3, 2005, respectively, Plaintiffs served document requests and interrogatories on Defendants, seeking documents and information that Plaintiffs contend bear on the issue of personal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, Defendants Duke Energy Corp.;

Duke Energy Field Services, LP; Duke Energy North America, LLC; Dynegy Inc.; Dynegy

Power Marketing, Inc.; Dynegy Marketing and Trade; West Coast Power LLC; Encana

Corporation; and Sempra Energy have filed demurrers on the additional ground that the

complaints do not allege facts sufficient to impose liability on them for the alleged acts of
their corporate affiliates (the "Affiliate Demurrers");

WHEREAS, Defendant Zanaboni has demurred to the complaints, *inter alia*, on the ground that the complaints do not allege facts sufficient to impose liability on her for alleged violations of the Cartwright Act ("Part III of the Zanaboni Demurrer"); and

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs contend that briefing on the Affiliate Demurrers and Part III of the Zanaboni Demurrer should be completed on approximately the same schedule as briefing on the Motions to Quash, while Defendants contend that briefing on these demurrers should not be deferred, but are willing to grant Plaintiffs an interim extension to allow this scheduling dispute to be resolved by the Court at the June 21, 2005 hearing;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties,

that:

Defendants' demurrers and motion to strike on federal preemption grounds will be heard on June 21, 2005, as previously scheduled;

Defendants' demurrer to and alternative motion to strike claims for unfair competition and unjust enrichment, and Defendant Zanaboni's demurrer (except for the argument set forth in Part III of her supporting memorandum of points and authorities) will be heard on July 12, 2005, as previously scheduled;

The date for the filing of oppositions to the Motions to Quash, the Affiliate

Demurrers and Part III of the Zanaboni Demurrer will be set by the Court at the June 21, 2005

hearing; and

In the interim, the parties shall continue to negotiate in good faith regarding a modified schedule for completion of the proceedings on the Motions to Quash, the Affiliate Demurrers and Part III of the Zanaboni Demurrer.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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## **ORDER**

Good cause appearing, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 1, 2005

Hon. Ronald S. Prager Coordination Trial Judge

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